

National Weather Service Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



Time Path Path Number of Estimated October 2004
Location Date Standard (Miles) (Yards) Killed Injured Property Crops Character of Storm

MICHIGAN, East

MIZ047>049-053>055-060>063-068>070-075>076-082>083 Midland - Bay - Huron - Saginaw - Tuscola - Sanilac - Shiawassee - Genesee - Lapeer - St. Clair - Livingston - Oakland - Macomb - Washtenaw - Wayne - Lenawee - Monroe

A strong low pressure system tracked through Lake Superior during the 30th, with the associated cold front moving through southeast Michigan during the morning hours. Strong cold advection and a tight pressure gradient lead to high winds during the afternoon hours. Wind gusts of 60 mph lead to widespread power outages, downed trees and wires, along with some minor property damage throughout all of southeast Michigan. Utility companies reported power outages to 283,000 customers across lower Michigan, with at least half that total coming from southeast Michigan, where damage was estimated to be 3.5 million dollars Here are some official winds gusts recorded across the region:

Detroit Metro, 56 mph at 330 PM EST.

Ann Arbor, 56 mph at 223 PM EST.

Howell, 55 mph at 100 PM EST.

NWS White Lake, 55 mph at 130 PM EST.

Ypsilanti, 55 mph at 250 PM EST.

Monroe, 54 mph at 115 PM EST.

Detroit City, 52 mph at 307 PM EST.

Flint, 51 mph at 100 PM EST.

Unofficial wind gust reports from spotters indicated winds approaching 70 mph. There were no reported injuries with this event.